

REMARKS

Originally filed claims 1-13 and new claims 32-49 are pending in this application. New claims 32-49 have been added to recite additional embodiments of the present invention, which are fully supported by the Written Description at Page 4, line 12 to Page 6, line 7. Claims 14-31 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications directed to the subject matter of these canceled claims. As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement on the claims filed with this application. In response, the Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-13 and 20) for prosecution in this application. As a result of the present claim cancellations and additions, however, Group I now includes claims 1-13 and 32-49. In light of the cancellation of claims 14-31, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is moot.

SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

A Species Election Requirement is also imposed on the claims. In particular, the Examiners requires election of one of the following species of acrylate functional components:

Urethane acrylate

Urea acrylate

Epoxy acrylate

Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the species including urethane acrylates, which pertains to at least claims 1-3, 5-13, and 32-39, and 41-48. Applicants respectfully submit, however, that no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner to search the subject matter of all pending claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the species election requirement and further request examination on the merits of all the claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 6-13 are generic. In addition, Applicants submit that at least new claims 32, 35-38, 41, and 43-48 are also generic. As provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141, however, Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, the claims of the non-elected species can be included in the application if written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0333.

Respectfully submitted,
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